

## IN THE CLAIMS

*Please amend the claims as follows:*

1. (Previously Presented) A method of communicating content, said method comprising the steps, of:

converting inputted content into an XML format to form converted content;

applying a DOM tree to the content;

outputting the converted content into a plurality of output devices; and

coordinating the plurality of output devices so that the plurality of the output devices delivers synchronized output.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of said output ~~device~~ devices is configured for use by a special needs person.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of said output ~~device~~ devices is a test device usable for administering standardized tests.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of reading the DOM tree from data embedded in the inputted content.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of scanning the inputted content to develop the DOM tree.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said scanning step includes a step of headings scanning in order to identify at least one of headings, subheadings, and chapters.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of parsing the inputted content into at least content pieces, the content pieces having a characteristic selected from a characteristic group comprising a paragraph a phrase, a word, and a letter.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising a step of analyzing the content pieces so as to assign an identifier to each of said content pieces.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the identifier is at least one selected from an identifier group comprising a subject, a predicate, and an object.
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27. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating content to a special needs person, said method comprising the steps of:

accepting digitized content input;  
using a processor to convert said content input into a converted content,  
providing a computerized output configuration toolbar to the special needs person;  
~~enabling the person to use the toolbar to modify an existing third-party software application;~~ and  
modifying output to the special needs person based upon a selected configuration,  
wherein the toolbar is configured to modify an existing third-party software application.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein the ~~individual~~ special needs person can modify at least one of a characteristics group comprising speech enablement, keystroke echo, contrast, text highlighting, text color, size of text, reading rate, volume of speech, and voice selection.

31. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating content to a special needs person, said method comprising the steps of:

accepting ~~digitized~~ content input;  
using a processor to convert said content input into a converted content;  
providing a computerized output configuration toolbar to the special needs person;  
modifying output to the special needs person based upon a selected configuration; and  
providing a computerized avatar to facilitate communicating of the content, wherein the output is synchronized for multiple simultaneous outputs.

32. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating content to a special needs person, said method comprising the steps of:

accepting ~~digitized~~ content input;  
using a processor to convert said content input into a converted content;  
providing a computerized output configuration toolbar to the special needs person;  
~~enabling the person to use~~ ,wherein the toolbar is configured to change a reading rate at which speech is generated; [[and]]  
modifying output to the special needs person based upon a selected configuration;  
loading a test onto a portable system;  
providing a plurality of communication channels on the portable system by which the special needs person may interact with the portable system, the channels including at least one of a Braille keyboard and a sip-and-puff device; and  
recording responses from said special needs person communicated via at least one of said channels.

33. (Original) The method of claim 27, comprising the further step of providing a computerized avatar to facilitate communicating of the content.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, comprising the further step of enabling the special needs person to use the toolbar to change a reading rate at which speech is generated.

35. (Original) The method of claim 27, comprising the further steps of:

loading a test onto a portable system;

providing a plurality of communication channels on the portable system by which the person may interact with the portable system; and

recording responses from said individual communicated via at least one of said channels.

36. (Original) The method of claim 35, comprising the further step of using the processor to time portions of the test.

37. (Original) The method of claim 35, comprising the further step of using the processor to prevent the person from returning to a portion of the test.

38. (Original) The method of claim 35, comprising the further step of using the processor to enable a proctor to add additional time for taking the test.

39. (Original) The method of claim 35, comprising the further step of using the processor to

enable a proctor to cancel a portion of the test.

40. (Original) The method of claim 35, further comprising the step of delivering the portable system to a site at which testing content may be used.

41. (Original) The method of claim 35, wherein the providing of channels step includes permitting access to at least one of an access group comprising a Braille keyboard and a sip-and-puff device.

42. (Original) The method of claim 35, further comprising a step of converting the testing content to XML format.

43. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising a step of highlighting individual words.

44. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising a step of color coding at least one of passages and words.

45. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising a step of color coding at least one of a subject, a predicate, and an object of a sentence.

46. (Canceled)

47. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[46]] 32, comprising the further step of using the processor to time portions of the test.

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[46]] 32, comprising the further step of using the processor to prevent the person from returning to a portion of the test.

49. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[46]] 32, comprising the further step of using the processor to enable a proctor to add additional time for taking the test.

50. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[46]] 32, wherein the providing of channels step includes permitting access to ~~at least one of an access group comprising a Braille keyboard and a sip-and-puff device.~~

51. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of the output devices delivers output synchronized for multiple simultaneous outputs.